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Dear Ms. Parks:

This letter is in reponse to your request for additional information for the 30-Day Post General Report of the Dole North Carolina Victory Committee (ID #C00378117). An amendment has been filed corrected the line number totals in question.

The apparently excessive contributions were transferred to the non-federal account of the North Carolina Republican Party, in accordance with the joint fundraising agreement of this committee. These transfers are referenced on line 22 as "transfers of joint fundraising proceeds" with the recipient noted as "North Carolina Republican Party-State," to distinguish from the transfer of funds to the federal account of the state party which are reference "North Carolina Republican Party-federal."

The payments shown on line 21(b) to the Republican National Committee are travel deposits to cover anticipated expenses of White House officials travelling for political purposes. In accordance with long-standing practice, deposits are paid to the RNC in advance of political travel by White House officials. Once all bills have been received by the White House travel office and paid from these funds, any remaining balance will be refunded to the committee.

The disbursements totaling \$805,667 on lines 21(b) and 22 were not disclosed on the original report due to computer problems related to the severe ice storm in the Carolinas during the first part of December 2002. Extended, widespread power failures during this time affected our computer server, internet service, and all operations. An amendment was filed as soon as technically possible to disclose these disbursements, once systems had been returned to normal.

It was the practice of the committee to include the required request for information from all contributors on all written solicitations. We can provide samples of invitations and mailings if that would be helpful. Contributors who did not provide the requested information were sent a follow-up letter requesting the "best efforts" information again. As the committee receives additional information, it will disclose it on amendments.

The committee is reviewing the PAC contributions in question and will provide additional information as soon as possible for NMMA PAC, National Eng PAC, Radiology PAC, Realtors PAC, US Team PAC, and Bi-County PAC.

Sincerely,

Allen Haywood  
Comptroller, Dole North Carolina Victory Committee, Inc.